

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-9 and 13-16 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A prostatic stent, comprising:
 - (a) a body member including a distal terminating end, a proximal end portion, and a lumen extending within the body member, the body member sized for placement substantially within the prostatic section of the urethra with the distal terminating end located proximal of the external sphincter; and
 - (b) a retaining member extending from the proximal end portion of the body member, the retaining member being collapsible and expandable.
 2. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein a proximal portion of the retaining member is tapered.
 3. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the retaining member is formed integrally with the body member.
 4. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the retaining member is biased in an expanded state.
 5. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the retaining member comprises at least two arms biased in the expanded state.
 6. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the body member comprises at least one side opening in communication with the lumen.
 7. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the body member includes at least one protrusion to aid retention of the body member substantially within the prostatic section of the urethra.

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8. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 wherein the body member comprises a flexible, compliant material capable of maintaining the lumen when located within the urethra.

9. (Amended) The prostatic stent of claim 1 further comprising a suture extending from the prostatic stent through the urethra, and terminating externally of the meatus to allow removal of the prostatic stent from the urethra by pulling the suture.

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13. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 12 further comprising:

- (a) a pushing device slidably receivable by the prostatic stent-catheter system, the pushing device including an insertion end and an external end, the pushing device sized to allow the insertion end to contact the retaining member of the stent while the external end remains outside the patient's body; and
- (b) a handle secured to the distal end of the connecting segment, the handle including at least one opening to allow fluid drainage out of the handle, and a mechanism, the mechanism being attached to the pushing device to allow a physician to control the position of the pushing device within the lumen of the connecting segment and the lumen of the stent.

14. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 13 wherein moving the mechanism on the handle:

- (a) to a first position proximally extends the pushing device resulting in the collapse of the retaining member of said stent;
- (b) to a second position proximally retracts the pushing device resulting in the expansion of the retaining member of said stent; and

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(c) to a third position proximally retracts the pushing device resulting in the absence of contact between the pushing device and the retaining member of said stent.

15. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 13 wherein the insertion end of the pushing device is straight.

16. (Amended) The prostatic stent-catheter system according to claim 13 wherein the insertion end of the pushing device is curved.

REMARKS

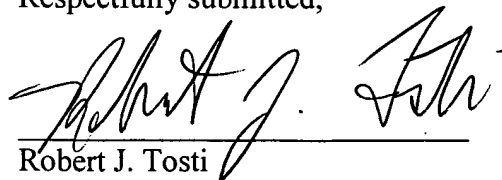
With this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants make various amendments to correct typographical errors. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by any of amendments. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment and allowance of claims 1-19 in due course. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due to have the present amendment entered. In the event, however, that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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